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SUBJ: OAU SECRETARY GENERAL VISITS GABON

1. OAU SECRETARY GENERAL WILLIAM ETEKI MBOUMOUA VISITED LIBREVILLE DECEMBER 11-14, IN COURSE OF WHICH HE MET WITH PRESIDENT BONGO TO DISCUSS ORGANIZATION OF FORTHCOMING (JUNE) SUMMIT MEETING TO BE HELD HERE. IN ADDITION, SYG TOLD PRESS HIS CONVERSATION WITH BONO COVERED PROPOSED ARAB-AFRICAN SUMMIT AND CONSTRUCTION OF AVIATION SCHOOL NEAR FRANCEVILLE FOR FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

2. IN AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ON ARRIVAL, ETEKI MBOUMOUA COVERED FOLLOWING TOPICS: (A) RHODESIA -- OAU HAS NEVER "NOURISHED ILLUSIONS OR OPTIMISM" ABOUT GENEVA CONFERENCE, AND "RHODESIAN RACISTS" UNLIKELY ACCEPT MAJORITY RULE WILLINGLY; THUS, ARMED STRUGGLE REMAINS ONLY ALTERNATIVE; (B) NAMIBIA -- CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE DISMISSED AS "MASQUERADE" BECAUSE OF SWAPO ABSENCE, SO THAT AGAIN ARMED STRUGGLE CONSTITUTES FINAL SOLUTION; (C) AFRICAN COMMON MARKET -- SEEN BY SYG AS DESIRABLE GOAL, BUT BEST ACHIEVED GRADUALLY THROUGH DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL GROUPINGS; AND (D) ALLEGED SOUTH AFRICAN PLAN TO INVADE ANGOLA -- SYG SAID HE "DOES NOT THINK SOUGH AFRICA COULD INVADE ANGOLA", BUT AFRICA WOULD KNOW HOW TO RESPOND SHOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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